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Christ is Born

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For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:5

Ministering to Durand, Gaines & Surrounding Areas
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - A - Dec. 25, 2022

From Deacon Wayne's Desk

CHRISTMAS~
DECEMBER 25, 2022

I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord. LK 2:10-11

Merry Christmas to everyone! I pray your heart is filled with Joy at the coming of our Lord and Savior today and throughout the coming year. The season of celebrating Christ who came and has promised to come again is now here. For the next twelve days, we savor this wonderous season that promises Hope, Joy, and Charity.

Hopefully you have taken time to really sit back and be amazed at all the Love, compassion, and forgiveness this season brings to us and that we share with one another. It is too easy to get caught up in the hustle of the season. So, I encourage you to take some time, as much as you can, to sit quietly and be amazed as you were when a child.

You remember, the Christmas lights, all the baking and great food that appeared at that time, the mystery gifts under the tree. It was all so powerful and beautiful when we were innocent. The blessings of the season surround us, the small and big blessings, but let us not forget the blessing we of everlasting life we received, because our Creator went to the extent to come to this earth. In doing so, He teaches us that we are very special above his creation. He came to teach and show us what it means to love, forgive, to be inclusive even of the ones who don't think, look, or sound like us. He is King of all rich, poor, small, big, broken, whole. All he sees when he looks at you is the potential for you to carry great love and mercy into this world that so badly needs it.

Take some quiet time alone near the Christmas tree. Whether early in the morning before all the activity begins or at the end of the day, or whenever quiet time presents itself. Think of a love so great that in all he created, you are the most important. This Christmas let His Love, Mercy, Compassion, and Forgiveness just AMAZE YOU! Let your hearts be filled with Joy and be amazed. Christ is Born today!

Dcn. Wayne

May the Amazing Blessings of Christ be born in you.

We here at St Mary and St Joseph want to thank everyone of you for coming to celebrate this most sacred Holy day. May God fill you and yours with blessing beyond comprehension.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, December 26 - No Mass
Feast of St. Stephen
ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59; PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 8AB, 16BC AND 17; MT 10:17-22
Tuesday, December 27 - No Mass
Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4; PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Wednesday, December 28 - No Mass
Feast of the Holy Innocents
1 Jn 1:5—2:2; PS 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday, December 29 - No Mass
1 Jn 2:3-11; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Friday, December 30 - No Mass
Feast of the Holy Family
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday - December 31 - New Years Eve
† **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Mass - Durand - 5:00pm - SMSJ Parishioners
1 Jn 2:18-21; PS 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday, January 1 - New Years Day
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Eugene and Daniel Costello by Vida Wolff
Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Gary Crawford by Michael & Brenda Wells
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

There will be NO WEEKDAY MASS on Dec. 28 & 29
There will be NO WEEKDAY MASS on Jan. 4 & 5.

Rest In Peace

We pray for Jane Bowler

That she may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for her family and friends that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.

The **Altar Society** will not be having a meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on Feb. 2, 2023.

In the Gathering Space the next couple of weeks you will see RCIA prayer cards.

Please take one or more to pray specifically for those who will be entering the Church. We are excited as a Parish to support the Catechumens and Candidates on their journey. It also helps you to put a face to the name and learn a little bit about them.

Sandy Corrion
RCIA/Adult Formation Director

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUFFERING OF ST. MARY ST. JOSEPH PARISH

For those who are ill at home, in the hospital or in the nursing home.

Pat Loomis, Jake Caverson, Connie O'Brien, Jane Bowler, Tom Gomos, Jan Proulx, Tony Tuczynski.

Please note: Individual names will remain on the prayer list for four (4) weekends, before being removed. If your illness is long term, your name should be put on the prayer board in the back of the church. SMSJ-Durand office 1-855-288-6704 or the SMSJ-Gaines office at 989-271-8434.

There is no Adult Faith Formation for the rest of December. We wish you a Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy your time with family and friends as we celebrate the Birth of our Savior.

Sandy Corrion
Director of Adult/RCIA Formation

"All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise."
Psalm 98: 3-4

Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.

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If you have been part of our parish family joining our liturgies and other services and found this to be your "home" parish, we are encouraging you to please register at our parish. By registering, we can make sure we have your contact info to get you important mailings and keep you informed. Registering also provides us with important information on how we can better serve you in your sacramental needs. If you are not registered, please consider filling out a registration form located in both gathering spaces at Durand or Gaines, or contact either of our offices, and we can get one to you.

High School Youth Group News

For born to us is a Savior! Oh come, let us adore Him! Emmanuel! God Is With Us! Noel! Merry Christmas! May you and your family enjoy a most blessed Christmas and a very happy new year! Please see the info below regarding the 5:00pm Mass on January 17, 23.

Remember, Jesus went all in for us, from coming to be with us as a baby, to dying on a cross. Please consider going all in for Him!

Confirmation Preparation News

On Saturday, January 7, we will be holding a daytime Candidate/Sponsor Retreat for all CP2 Candidates and their Sponsor from 10:00am to 6:00pm in the Education Building. Lunch will be served. We will assemble your Saint Project and Bio to display at both campuses. Opportunities for Adoration before The Blessed Sacrament, as well as, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. We will attend the 5:00pm Mass together and participate as Altar Servers, Lectors, Greeters and Ushers. We will also bring the Gifts up to the Altar. **I'd like all YG and CP1 students to participate in serving at the 5:00pm Mass as well. Please plan to attend.**

Our next CP1 session will be on January 8 at 10:00am. CP2 will also meet on January 22.

May you and your family enjoy a most blessed Christmas and a very happy new year!

Abundant Blessings!

John Michailo, Teen Ministry Coordinator
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Join us on Remind Join us on Bookface

Working Hands Ministry

The 2023 season is about to get started. We meet in the Fr Hay Education building every other Wednesday evening (6:30pm) & Thursday afternoon (1:00pm). For more information, please call Tammy at 989-445-0500. More dates to follow.

Jan. 4 & 5

2022 Contribution Tax Letters

As we did last year, we are asking that anyone that would like to request their 2022 Contribution letter to contact either parish office directly, Durand 855-288-6704 or Gaines 989-271-8434, or you can submit your request online by using this link https://stmarystjoseph.org/2022-contribution-letters.

We hope that this will cut down on the expenses to generate and mail these letters. Thank you for your continued financial support to our Parish.

St. Mary St. Joseph Catholic Community Faith Formation News.

Merry Christmas! I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful holiday season and getting lots of quality time with friends and family. And for those of you that have children home from school, are they driving you crazy yet? Because, instead of just letting them watch mindless television or movies, you can always go on the Formed website, and get quality faith based movies, cartoons, and lots of different activities to keep them busy. They can also finish their Gospel Weeklies if they haven't gotten those done yet! Start the new year off right and get those kids started on the right path! See you in the New Year!

Mollie Shay, Pre K-7th Grade
Family Faith Director
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We are looking for Parishioners, who would like to have a dinner with Fr. Nanneau after the 5:00pm Mass.
You may invite him to your home or fix or bring a dinner here at the Rectory to enjoy together.
Sign-up sheets will be at both locations.

Almon Anthony Perry III
Son of Almon Perry Jr. and Samantha Perry
We are thankful, as this family presents their young son as the newest member of the family of God here at St. Mary St. Joseph Parish.

GIVE YOUR SPOUSE THE ULTIMATE GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS!
APPLY TODAY AT WWME.ORG FOR A 2023
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE OR
CONTACT CHRIS & DARLA @ 517-667-0433 FOR INFO

JAN. 13-15 - DEWITT, MARCH 24-26 - SAGINAW
APRIL 14-16 - GRASS LAKE

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER 25 & JANUARY 1 WILL BE REPORTED IN THE JANUARY 8 BULLETIN.

Reminder! There will be a Bake Sale by the Altar Society on the first Sunday of the month at the Durand campus. All parishioners are welcome to bake for this fund raiser. Proceeds help pay for Altar supplies and funeral dinner paper products.

Reminder! Mother Teresa Group is having a fundraising Bake Sale on the first Sunday of every month at the Gaines campus. All proceeds go to Heartbeat of Flint or other Parish needs. Thank you for your continued generous support!

We couldn't do what we do without you!

Mother Teresa Group will be meeting again on Tuesday, Jan. 3. All women of the parish are members. We meet at the SMSJ Gaines campus the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm.

We can't wait to see you!

Relationships Matter!

Join us on January 20, 6:30pm at the Gaines gathering space.

We will be having Spaghetti and Bunko! It's easy and quick to learn if you have never played before.

Relationships and fellowship are very important to our spiritual development.

Sign up for anything that goes with spaghetti, such as salads, garlic bread, and of course desserts!

Special Bulletin Cut off Date:

The January 1 bulletin articles were due by Friday, December 23.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Starting with the January 8 bulletin, regular article due dates will resume.

Submit to bulletinmj@gmail.com

Facility Usage

If you want to schedule an event utilizing a Parish facility, contact Deacon Wayne using email dcnwaynesmsj@gmail.com

Parish Support

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR Dec. 18, 2022

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off)	$4,004.50
Online donations for Gen Fund 12/12-12/18	$791.00
Total donations General Fund…….	$4,795.50
One week budgeted amount FY 2023…...	$6,323.00
Above (**Below**) budget……..	(**$1,337.67**)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
(JULY 1 THRU DECEMBER 18, 2022)

General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online)	$143,665.54
Total Budget General Fund 7/1-12/18…..…	$153,329.33
Above (**Below/Deficit**) Budget…….....	(**$9,663.79**)

Other Collections for Dec. 18, 2022

Outreach……	$272.00
Faith Formation……	$45.00
Share in the Care……	$64.00
Christmas Flowers……	$120.00
Christmas……	$105.00
Immaculate Conception……	$20.00
Altar Society……	$150.00
Solemnity of Mary……..	$5.00
All Saints……	$35.00

To all who participated in making our Christmas season here at our St Mary St Joseph family so beautiful over the last few weeks, thank you for all of your efforts. Everything was so very beautiful. You are amazing. God Bless every one of you. Dcn. Wayne

Please Pray for them this week.

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for your grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
Ryan Ferringan, St. Martha, Okemos

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy faithful women to become Brides of Christ and serve your people. Lord, we pray that your grace and love be enough for this woman in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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